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may we QUOTE you on that?

[1] GEO M HUMPHREY, retiring as Sec'y of Treasury: "Price increases, particularly in the last yr, have been more than I like to see. The threat of renewed inflation is perhaps our most serious economic problem." . . . [2] Dr EMERSON P SCHMIDT, Director of Research, at annual convention U S Chamber of Commerce: "The over-all health of the economy seems promising." . . . [3] Premiere NOBOSUKE KISHI, of Japan, leaving Tokyo for conf with Pres Eisenhower: "This is by no means a courtesy visit." . . . [4] Sen JOHN L McCLELLAN (D-Ark) on Supreme Ct decision curtailing powers of Congressional investigating committees: "What this country needs most today is a Supreme Ct of lawyers with a reasonable am't of common sense." . . . [5] Dr ARTHUR H COMPTON, pioneer in atomic research, addressing seniors at Lake Forest College: "To win a world without war in the atomic



age, the hearts of men must be changed." . . . [6] E M CHRISTEN, mid-western agricultural ag't, pointing out that only mechanization has enabled farmers to get crops in despite heavy rains: "If we still had horses instead of tractors, we'd be in a terrible mess." . . . [7] WM P FOGG, Methuen, Mass, celebrating 95th b'day: "While a fellow feels well, there should be no particular stop-work age, but I don't believe in shoveling snow after you're 90." . . . [8] HARRY S TRUMAN, making admiring comment on early fame of country's newest Democrat: "My grandson was on the front page of newspapers when he was only 3 days old. It took me 50 yrs to make it." . . . [9] ETHEL WATERS, singing with Billy Graham's crusade, in reply to reporters who asked her about its effectiveness: "God has no flops."

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moving finger



In '58 more than a million persons will visit Europe. (This yr's total around 900,000.) If you're thinking of a '58 European vacation, now's the time to make plans. This yr? No desirable ship space unless you're willing to go *very late*. Perhaps some air space—but you'll have to *hurry*.

"What will it cost?"

You can have a very comfortable and rewarding month in Europe—including round-trip ship or plane passage from N Y C—for \$1750, plus whatever you may spend for souvenirs and merchandise (and you'll be strongly tempted!) You can get by on somewhat less if you cut corners; you can spend substantially more.

Don't make your 1st trip to Europe a "quickie." Overseas transportation is a big item. So stay long enough to get your money's worth. Don't spend less than 3 wks, plus transportation time; 4 wks is better; 6 wks an ideal time allotment.

If possible, go in May. Southern

France, Italy, Spain are uncomfortably warm after June; Central Europe may be disagreeably cool earlier than May, later than Sept-Oct. (Another thing: an early start puts you ahead of the "after-school's-out" throng.)

For 1st-trippers, we recommend bus travel in Europe (your travel agt can arrange an all-expense tour.) European buses are luxurious—and you do see the country.

For variety (unless you have prejudices to the contrary) fly over and ret'n by ship. Costs a little more (you lose 10% discount for round-trip) but you have memorable experience of flying and a sea voyage. Be sure to fly over, reserving ship for ret'n voyage. This gives you quick, stimulating journey to vacationland; restful ocean voyage when you're tired and need it. Besides, you'll have more luggage coming back (oh, yes, you will!) and excess rates on overseas planes are murder. Tourist planes are perfectly satisfactory, but if you can afford it, book 1st class ship passage; if not, then preferably go on a smaller, one-class ship.



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"He who never quotes is never quoted."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon



ACTION—1

Once more the sap's rising. To get some of its get-up-and-go back into your blood stream remember that while God made the world, he left the farms untilled, the oil unbored, the lumber uncut, and the poetry unwritten. — OREN ARNOLD, *Presbyterian Life*.

AMERICA—Americans—2

The conflict in the American soul is an economic and sexual conflict, and the American woman is, I think, at the heart of that conflict. It is women who set the stage and largely control the players in important sections of American life. America is a woman's world.—ERIC JOHN DINGWALL, *The American Woman* (Rinehart).

ART—3

An onlooker made a penetrating observation a few yrs ago about abstract and cubist painting: "There is something the matter with our world today, and those fellows know it."—HALFORD E LUCOCK & ROS' E LUCOCK, "Looking at Life in Bits and Pieces," *Pulpit Digest*, 5-'57.

ATOMIC AGE—4

No one doing research today on the new subatomic particles in physics can have the slightest doubt that what we know about atomic nuclei is but a tiny speck compared to our ignorance. — GLENN T SEABORG, *Science Digest*.

BEHAVIOR—5

Loose conduct can do a fine job of getting you in tight places.—*Terre Haute (Ind) Star*.

BOOKS—Reading—6

A book is the product of mind and yearning, spread patiently across long centuries. It is the sign and symbol of man's culture and understanding. It prevents the loss of good thinking and it expands man's highest moments into permanency. It is the carrier and distributor of the germinations of the mind. It will not permit noble visions to fade or great dreams to wither. It breathes vitality into the past and brightens the eyes that search the future. It makes indelible the record of the generations.—Editorial, *Peabody Jnl of Education*.

CHARACTER—7

When we develop character we acquire lovely personalities, for personality is character shining thru everything we do and everything we say.—E MAUDE GARDNER, "The Six 'Be's'" *You*, 6-'57.

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Character is pretty much like window glass—even a little crack shows thru.—*York Trade Compositor*, hm, York Composition Co.

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By Les & Liz
Carpenter

Washington's newest park on Pennsylvania Ave — dedicated to the memory of John J Pershing — will have an unusual War I memento: poppies which are direct descendants of those flowering on Flanders fields during the shooting days of 1918. Seeds were gathered by Col Monroe Johnson, later chmn of Interstate Commerce Commission, while a battle was actually in progress. ("We were fighting desperately," Johnson recalls. "Suddenly I looked down and noticed some poppy seed. I grabbed a few and put them in my purse.")

Johnson has been growing the poppies ever since, and saving seed. He is donating enough seed to plant a large area of Pershing Park, surrounding a statue of the War I hero.

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Again a Presidential commission has recommended demolition of the "Old State Dep't Bldg" flanking the West side of the White House.

This ornate structure has probably provoked more unfavorable comment than any other fed'l bldg in history. At the time the bldg was formally opened Pres U S Grant was informed by an official that the structure was fireproof. To which Grant meditatively replied, "What a pity!"

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COMPROMISE—8

In our spirit of compromise, the Rev Vance Havner likens us to the uncertain soldier in our un-Civil War who, figuring to play it safe, dressed himself in a blue coat and gray pants and tiptoed out onto the field of battle. He got shot from both directions! — *Paul Harvey News*.

CONFORMITY—9

Prof Francis A Allen, prof of law at Harvard, sounds this warning and gives parents cause for thought: "In recent yrs a whole literature has appeared, written chiefly by sociologists, which attempts to describe what has happened and what is happening to the individual in modern American society. We are told, among other things, we are victims of mass communications. We look at the same TV programs, laugh at the same jokes, read the same books. . . Our children, say the sociologists, are becoming elaborate antennae, chiefly sensitive to the reactions and feelings of people around them. *Group approval*, they warn, *has become the most important modern value*." — *JUSTA LEE ALLEN, "Attitudes Are Important," Church & Home*, 4, 5 and 6-'57.

CO-OPERATION—10

People who play a part in life are much better off than those playing apart. — *KEN SHIVELY*.

" "

Three good men working together can create more harmony, peace and goodwill than could those same three unassociated. — *S H KRAINES & E S THETFORD, "Mechanisms—Devices of the Mind," Wisdom*, 5-'57.



mining the magazines

Rep Clare E Hoffman (R-Mich) who, it develops, doesn't approve some comments in the 13-yr-old *Congressional Quarterly*, has introduced a bill to bar the magazine from the mails and to prevent its use of the names "Congressional" or "Congress." Nothing will come of this febrile effort, but it's an enlightening example of legislative touchiness.

The U S Congress has, of course, no vested right in the names "Congress" or "Congressional." (More than 60 firms in the Washington telephone directory use one or the other of these terms as a portion of their corporate title.) It is perfectly logical that a jnl reporting on congressional activities should use the name *Congressional* in its title. To deprive it of that privilege would be as inconsistent as to bar *U S News & World Report* on the ground that it has no official connection with either the U S or the Universe.

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Middle-aged doctors attending the American Medical Ass'n convention fortnight ago listened with interest and resignation to the rep't of Drs Hammond and Horn, linking tobacco and lung cancer. Then, as a gesture of futility, they lit cigarettes and settled back to await the next item on the agenda. Some of the younger drs, more than half convinced, said they intended to cut down, or cut out cigarettes.

Tit-Bits, London, tells of a dear old lady who had wheels put on her rocking chair, so she could rock 'n' roll.

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Babson's Washington Forecast, in its issue of June 10, prophesied that on basis of this and future medical rep'ts, percentage of smokers to total population will tend to diminish; that in 20 yrs "smokers will be a relatively small minority of total population."

Writing in *Lancet*, the British medical jnl, on "Smoking Habits of Schoolboys," R W Raven notes an increasing tendency among younger men to abandon smoking. In one school, an entire 6th form—19 boys under 18 yrs of age—had all permanently abandoned smoking. The girls he found less communicative, but one headmistress said, significantly: "It is no longer considered clever to smoke."

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A radical change is under way in the distribution of magazines. Newsstands are becoming increasingly vending stations for periodicals of questionable character, as publishers of more reputable magazines put increasing emphasis on subscription sales. *The Gallagher Report*, a research service in the publishing field, asserts that subscription increases currently are more than 3 times greater than single copy sales hikes.

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EDUCATION—11

Once upon a time we used to read in the obituary column that so-and-so "completed his education, at such-and-such a college." But the phrase, I am glad to say, has about gone out of use. We now know that if a man's education is finished, he is finished. — EDW A FILENE, quoted in *New Outlook*.
" "

Every college in the land should rest unsatisfied unless or until it possesses on its teaching staff at least one Jew, one Roman Catholic, one Humanist, Socialist and Unitarian. Only in this way can a college justify its existence. — LEMLAND MILES, chmn Dep't of English Hanover College, *Americans Are People*. (Twayne).

EDUCATION—Cost—12

Crime and delinquency cost more than *six times* the entire expense of public education in the U S. The American public last yr spent almost exactly as much on alcoholic beverages as was spent on all public education—\$9 billion.—*Phi Delta Kappan*.

EQUALITY—13

Among the most cherished of American ideals is that of equal rights for all. And yet it is apparent even to the most casual observer that . . . some Americans enjoy more rights and privileges than others. As in Geo Orwell's *Animal Farm*, we find that in our society: "All . . . are equal but some . . . are more equal than others." — ROY WILKINS, Exec Sec'y, NAACP, "Desegregation North & South," *Current History*, 5-'57.

FAITH—14

There is hardly a word in the religious language, both theological and popular, which is subject to more misunderstanding, distortions and questionable definitions than the word "faith." . . . It confuses, misleads, creates alternately skepticism and fanaticism, intellectual resistance and emotional surrender, rejection of genuine religion and subjection of substitutes. One is tempted to suggest the word

Quote scrap book

ST SWITHIN'S DAY (July 15) has, for some inexplicable reason become associated with the weather. A very old rhyme runs as follows:

St Swithin's Day, if thou dost rain,
For forty days it will remain;
St Swithin's Day, if thou be fair,
Far forty days it will rain nae mair.

"faith" be dropped completely; but . . . it is hardly possible. A powerful tradition protects it. And there is as yet no substitute expressing the reality to which the term "faith" points. So (we should) try to re-interpret the word.—PAUL TILLICH, *Dynamics of Faith* (Harper).

FREE DOM—15

The moment men begin to search for the truth about any situation or problem or circumstances, they create a relationship, however microscopic, between themselves and the surrounding

world: and it is in this relationship that freedom becomes possible.— R W DAVENPORT, *The Dignity of Man* (Harper).

FUTURE—16

Citizens of tomorrow certainly will need a science as well as a social science background to function properly as mbrs of society.—EDW M RAY, Mich Dep't of Conservation, "Principles of Conservation that are Important in Science," *School Science & Mathematics*, 6-'57.

GIFTS—Giving—17

Not he who has much is rich, but he who gives much. — ERICH FROMM, *The Art of Loving* (Harper).

HUMAN RELATIONS—18

A learned but ungenerous man said to Rabbi Abraham of Stretyn: "They say that you give people mysterious drugs and that your drugs are effective. Give me one that I may attain to the fear of God."

"I don't know any drug for the fear of God," said Rabbi Abraham. "But if you like, I can give you one for the love of God."

"That's even better!" cried the other. "Just you give it to me."

"It is the love of one's fellow men," ans'd the Rabbi.—IAN J MCRAE, "Mountain Tops and Valleys," *Internat'l Jnl of Religious Education*, 6-'57.

INTEGRATION—19

On the 3rd anniv of the '54 U S Supreme Court decision against segregation in the public schools, desegregation had begun or was complete in 676 school districts out of 3,700 Southern and border state districts having both white and Negro pupils.—*Survey Bulletin*.

LIFE—Living—20

Count your assets. If you have a clear conscience, a good liver, 3 good friends and a happy home; if your heart has kept its youth and your soul its honesty—cheer up!—you are still one of life's richest millionaires.—*Nuggets*, hm, Barnes-Ross Co.

MAN—Future—21

A Univ of Cincinnati zoology prof predicts our descendants a million yrs from now will look much as white men now do, but in a billion yrs will be barely recognized as mbrs of the current human race. The million-yr average man probably will have a coffee & cream-colored skin, straight or slightly wavy black hair, dark eyes, and will be about the same height as today. However, the billion-yr man will be quite different altho recognizable as a human being. He will have a larger brain and greater intelligence, a larger head, smaller jaws, fewer teeth, a lower rate of development, and a longer life. One factor that might knock the learned prof's predictions into a "cocked hat" would be all-out atomic war. Even if man survived, chances are that radio-activity would alter his genes to such an extent he would be unrecognizable, according to present standards of man.—Dr ROGER W TRUESDALE, *Rotarian*.

MODERN AGE—22

Ashes to ashes and dust to dust—if cigarettes don't get you the fall-out must.—DAN KIDNEY, *Scripps-Howard Newspapers*.

Quote



Recessional

As we mark the 60th anniv of Recessional by RUDYARD KIPLING (1st printed July 17, 1897) let us turn to the author's own acc't of its genesis:

"At the back of my head there was an uneasiness, based on things that men were telling me about affairs outside England... Altogether, one had a sense of 'a sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees'—of things moving into position as troops move. And into the middle of it all came the Great Queen's Diamond Jubilee, and a certain optimism that scared me. The outcome, as far as I was concerned, took the shape of a set of verses called Recessional. The time seemed ripe so I gave it to The Times. I say 'gave' because for this kind of work I did not take payment."

We present here the final (and rarely quoted) verse of the hymn:

For heathen heart that puts her trust

In reeking tube and iron shard,
All valiant dust that builds on dust

And, guarding, calls not Thee to guard,

For frantic boast and foolish word
—Thy Mercy on Thy People, Lord.

Amen.

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POLITICS—23

Many of us enjoyed politics more in the good old days when the candidate handed us a cigar instead of promising us Utopia.—*Tit-Bits, London.*

PRAYER—24

On the eve of his history-making bout with Jas J Corbett, heavy-wgt champ Bob Fitzsimmons was entertaining a friend in his hotel suite. During their conversation a murmuring feminine voice was heard in the next room. The friend lifted his eyebrows inquiringly.

"That's my wife," Fitzsimmons explained. "She's praying for me to win."

"Oh. And I suppose you pray, too?"

"My wife is more devout than I am," repl'd the champ, shaking his head. "If He won't do it for her, He certainly won't do it for me."—*GLORIA HELLMAN, Digest of World Reading, Melbourne, Australia.*

PRESENT—Future—25

We can never afford to "live in the future." The present is not just something to be lived thru. It is our rich *now*, to be exploited in every little, lovely, interesting potentiality.—*Woman's Wkly, London.*

SAFETY—Safe Driving—26

Henry A Barnes, Director of Traffic in Baltimore, predicts that within 20 yrs all cars driving inside city limits may be automatically controlled by radio beams directed from traffic towers. Small device built into dashboard will receive signals from a central source that will control starting, stopping and also speed limits.—*LAWRENCE SANDERS, Mechanix Illustrated.*

pathways to the past



July 14—Ground Observer Corps Day. . . . **Bastille Day** (marks destruction of the Bastille in Paris, 1789). . . 10 yrs ago on this date (1947) French govt awarded posthumously its highest honor, the *Medaille Militaire*, to Franklin D Roosevelt as "organizer of the victory of the United Nations."

July 15—St Swithin's Day. . . . 350th anniv (1607) b of Rembrandt van Rijn, famous painter and etcher; great master of the Dutch school.

July 16—Fast of Tammuz (Hebrew religious observance). . . 580th anniv (1377) crowning of Richard II King of England (Shakespeare summed his tragic career: "I wasted time and now time doth waste me.") . . . 130th anniv (1827) d of Josiah Spode, English potter; originator of fine bone china known as spode ware. . . 95 yrs ago (1862) David Glasgow Farragut became 1st admiral of U S Navy (Congress passed an act conferring upon him the rank of rear admiral). . . 85th anniv (1872) b of Roald Amundsen, Norwegian explorer; discoverer of S Pole, 1911 (d. 1928). . . 75th anniv (1882) d of Mrs Abraham Lincoln, 17 yrs after husband's assassination.

July 17—60 yrs ago (1897) Rudyard Kipling's *Recessional* 1st published in *London Times* (see GEM Box). . . 40 yrs ago (1917), in an era when we were changing German cabbage to "Liberty" cabbage and the humble hamburger to

"Salisbury steak," King Geo V issued a proclamation that henceforth the royal house of Great Britain and Ireland would be known, not as Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, but as the irreproachably English house of Windsor.

July 18—210th anniv (1747) b of John Paul Jones, distinguished American naval commander; 1st to display Stars and Stripes, and to have it saluted by a forgn power (France). . . 60 yrs ago (1897) story in *N Y Tribune* launched Klondike gold rush. . . 25 yrs ago U S and Canada signed a treaty for development of St Lawrence River into an ocean lane. (Well, it took a long time, but they are now actually at work on the project!) . . . 10 yrs ago (1947) Pres Truman signed Presidential Succession Act.

July 19—Feast of St Vincent de Paul.

July 20—40 yrs ago (1917) Sec'y of War Newton D Baker drew the 1st draft number of War I (258) from a bowl containing 10,500 serial numbers. . . 15 yrs ago (1942) 1st detachment of WAACs (Womens' Army Auxiliary Corps) started training at Des Moines, Ia. (The "Auxiliary" was subsequently dropped and troops become known as WACs.)

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"of all things"



The recent forecast of Nikita Khrushchev, that the grandchildren of present-generation Americans will live under a socialist order, has caused scarcely a ripple of discussion. Indeed, there are those who hold that the Soviet party sec'y is 50 yrs tardy in his prognostication.

Certainly many gov't services and regulations which we now accept more or less as a matter of course, would have been considered dangerously socialistic by our grandparents. Norman Thomas, perennial Socialist nominee for President, pointed out a few yrs ago, in refusing to again head the party's ticket, that most of the great issues for which Socialists had striven were now woven into the laws of the land.

Our grandchildren may move on to a greater degree of socialism—or, with a sudden burst of individualistic enterprise, they may give the pendulum a mighty shove in the opposite direction. The significant point is that our gov't, whatever form it may take, will be an *American* gov't, under the historic control of our people, thru their duly elected public servants—and subject to change when, as and if they will. No Russian gov't of the foreseeable future is likely to boast a comparable degree of flexibility.

SAFETY—Safe Driving—27

Driving can be taught, but not *safe* driving, because safe driving requires temperance. Temperance is a moral virtue and moral virtue can not be taught. Neither can it be preached, with any success, to people so steeped in halucination that they call virtue vice, and vice virtue. . . Neither can it be enforced—for long—on such a people by law, because they will rise up against the law and rebel and insist that, in a democracy, they get what they want, which, in this case, is a great big bang out of life—and into death.—MILTON MAYER, "Hell on Wheels," *Progressive*, 3-57.

SECURITY—28

Last yr one of my freshmen advisees got "pinned" 6 wks after he had started his college career. (That is, he gave his high school fraternity pin to a girl, she wore it on her sweater; that signified they were "going steady," and even presumably engaged to be married.) I called the boy into my office.

"I hear you're pinned."

"Yep."

"Don't you think you're being a bit premature? Don't you want to look over the field, keep the girls guessing, as your dad once did?"

"Holy smoke, NO! Nowadays a guy's got to have security!"—LELAND MILES, chmn Dept of English, Hanover College, *Americans Are People* (Twayne).

SEXES—29

I'd like to advise every woman never to keep a man waiting when he's to meet her; otherwise he'll have too much time to think about her. — *Ihre Freundin*, Karlsruhe (Quote translation).

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SPEECH—Speaking—30

After Dinner Speaker: A man who knows exactly what not to say, but not when to quit saying it.
—Personnel Adviser.
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The raconteurs whom I prefer, sir, Are those whose style is raconteur—S OMAR BARKER.

SUCCESS—31

Success in your work . . . is hat and coat, is food and wine, is fire and horse and hearth and holiday. At least, I find that any success in my work has the effect on my spirit of all these.—Emerson *Supervisory Mgt.*

TIME & SPACE—32

We may think our starry sky is a splendid sight, but we live on the outskirts of the universe, in a region where the stars are few and far between.—ARTHUR C CLARKE, *Science Digest*.

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In one respect, explorers of outer space have a bright future. They will never run out of space to explore.—*Grit*.

WEALTH—33

How to get rich: Earn a little more than you spend—and keep doing it.—*Banking*.

WOMEN—34

A woman always reminds me of a bomb with a faulty timer; you know there's going to be an explosion sooner or later, but you don't know when! — *Ihre Freundin*, Karlsruhe (QUOTE translation).

WORK—35

He who puts off until tomorrow what he should do today eventually will get out of doing at least one day's work.—*Tit-Bits*, London.

Mr. Q's
column



Time was when the peregrinations of our pack-rat correspondents could be counted upon to brighten an editorial day. Now, it seems, their rep'ts from odd corners of the earth serve but to add to our apprehensions.

In Japan, we are informed a new order of chess prevails: Knights and pawns are replaced by spies and atomic bombs.

From Africa, the word is that natives have developed a new form of intoxication. They inhale gasoline exhaust fumes from cars and tractors. Have we of the Congested Continent built up a certain immunity to such fumes? Or may we, perhaps, anticipate even wilder shenanigans from exhilarated Sunday drivers of the future?

Ready-mixed paints were pat'd 90 yrs ago (July 17, 1867). Perhaps in anticipation of the anniversary, a chicago suburban hardware store has put up a sign: "Our paints are all shook up!"

We might feel a little less perturbed on the gen'l situation, if the Hathaway Shirt man would make up his mind which eye he intends to favor with that confounded patch. In a *New Yorker* ad, May 11 issue, it was over the left eye; in an ad in the June 1 issue, the right eye was covered. We, too, are all shook up.

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GOOD STORIES you can use...



Our agent reports a snatch of conversation he picked up in the lobby of Montreal's Ritz-Carlton. A smooth-looking type, who was really a bit too old for the crew cut and Ivy League clothes he affected, was trying his best to advance his cause with a much younger blonde lass, whose baby stare was proving quite a good defense. "No, I just will *not* go to the Maritime Bar with you!" our man heard her declare. The wolfish fellow apparently pressed for a reason. The dolly type seemed at a loss for an answer for an instant, then she stamped her heel with finality. "Because," she flashed at him, "I'm *allergic to fish!*"

And left him standing there.—*Montrealer.* a

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He was enlarging on the dangers of certain foods, and with a dramatic gesture he pointed an emphatic finger at a rather harassed-looking and inoffensive listener and demanded: "What is it? We nearly all eat it at some time or other, yet it's the worst thing in the world for us. What is it, I say. Do you know?"

There was a moment's silence before the little man repl'd rather nervously: "Wedding cake!"—*Tit-Bits, London.* b

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I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

BLANCHE APPLEBEE

Jed, the town's bachelor handyman, never went anywhere without his wheelbarrow. Summer and winter he trundled it about the streets of his little Maine coastal town. Folks finally gave up asking him why, but one hot summer day they found out.

That was the day Jed pushed his wheelbarrow too near the edge of the wharf—and it sank in 10 ft of water.

Jed stood peering down at it for a minute or two. Then he turned and looked up the street in the direction of his house.

"Gol darn it to Betsy!" he said in deeply disgusted tones, "Now I'll have to walk home!"

" "

"Boy, have I got a hangover," commented Tony, "and just because I'm so thrifty."

I looked at him questioningly. "It took me a lot of time and effort but I finally found a bar where a glass of wine costs 40 pfennings less than it usually does. Just imagine how much I had to drink last night to save the 4 marks (100 pfennigs to a mark) that I had determined to save!"—*Revue, Munich* (QUOTE translation). c

It happened on one of those tv children's programs.

"So your father works in a factory?" the MC beamed. "What does he make?"

The 5-yr-old beamed back, as he ans'd:

"Payments."—IVERN BOYETT.

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During the war Prof Sir Alexander Todd undertook a tedious journey in England from Manchester to Salisbury Plain where he was to be engaged in war work. On the way he smoked his meagre supply of cigarettes and for some time after his arrival was without any. Eventually in a Service establishment he saw a bar and asked the barman for some cigarettes.

"What is your rank, sir?" asked the barman.

"Well," repl'd Sir Alexander, "I haven't one."

"Well, here, sir," said the barman, "the rule is 20 cigarettes for officers and 10 for other ranks. What do you do, sir?"

"I am a professor," repl'd Sir Alexander.

"Oh, well, I'll let you have five."—Cambridge (England) Daily News.

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The ladies were discussing their problems over the back fence. "Isn't it hard to keep a budget straight?" wailed one.

"My dear, it's terrible," confided the other. "This month I had to put in 4 mistakes to make mine balance."—Arkansas Baptist.

Two Weeks With Play

"Having big fun! Wish you were here!"

We faithfully postcard our neighbors each year

When off on a tour—the well they know that

We're glad they stayed home to take care of our cat!—SOMAR BARKER.

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Perhaps the poorest labor-saving device is a vacation.—FRANKLIN P JONES.

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Service Station: a place where you fill the car and drain the family.—VESTA M KELLY.

" "

What a girl likes to have most on a summer vacation is a fall guy.—A A SHILLING.

" "

The summer-vacation miss isn't impressed by the lines in the new automobiles. She has heard 'em all before.—HAROLD COFFIN.

" "

No matter where you go on vacation, your money will seldom go far enough.—CHARLES RUFFING.

" "

Vacations should relax the mind, But my mind tenses. My postcards read: "Wish you were here To share expenses!"

—ANITA RASKIN.

Quote

After keeping the dinner warm in the oven for over an hr, the wife finally phoned her husband's office.

"Look, dear," she snapped, "as soon as you can get away, will you please call an ambulance with a good loud siren and get home in a hurry?"

"Don't be ridiculous!" snorted the husband. "I can make almost as good time in my own car."

"Possibly," his wife agreed sweetly, "but the advantage of the ambulance is that you can have it wait for you in front of our house."

—HAL CHADWICK.

The squaw and papoose were on the station platform of a small western town when a train pulled in. A society matron from the East pointed a finger at the papoose and inquired: "Him Injun?" The squaw smiled and quickly repl'd: "Him part Injun, part injineer!"—*Santa Fe Mag*, hm, Santa Fe Ry. j

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The Mickey Mantle has been around for six yrs, he's still inarticulate and runs like a thief from afterdinner speaking chores. But he is not without a sense of humor. At a big blow-out in St Petersburg, Larry McQueen, the toastmaster, announced there would be no speeches. Then in the next breath he called upon Mantle for a few words.

Mickey brought his bat around fast. "When Mr McQueen said there would be no speeches," he said, "I tore mine up."—*Scholastic Coach*. k

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The new minister drew one of his parishioners aside. "I sincerely trust," he said, "that nothing in the sermon offended your husband. I notice he walked out right in the middle of my speech."

"Oh, my," laughed the woman, "you mustn't pay any attention to George. He's been walking in his sleep since he was a baby!"—E E KENYON, *American Wkly.* h

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Butcher Jack Russell saw a pistol in math teacher Jas Pletcher's pocket when he stopped in his shop in Utica, a suburb of Detroit. A patrolman nabbed Pletcher when the teacher's car stalled in traffic. "Come out with your hands up—and no funny business," ordered the patrolman. Searching Mr Pletcher, the patrolman found the gun—a water pistol. "I have a doz like them at home," the math teacher explained. "I've been confiscating them from my students." —*Education Summary.* i

The vistitor to the "big house" was expressing his surprise that Sandy, the gardener, a man of 40 or so, had never married.

"Why, Sandy," exclaimed the visitor, "you know that Adam was a gardener and he had a wife."

"Aye, sir, I ken that weel," was Sandy's ready reply. "He had a wife, sure enough, but he didna' keep his job long after he got her!" —*Outspan* (S Africa). l

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"I wonder," said a man, "who invented that superstition about Friday being an unlucky day."

"Oh," repl'd his companion, "some poor fish."—*Arkansas Baptist*. m

Quote

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Richard Armour



Sound Effects

Ultrasonic cleaning by means of sound waves that can be heard only by dog is now possible.—News item.

The drudgery is ended,
The broom is obsolete.
Now sound can be depended
On to keep things neat.

The dust rag and the mop now
Are put away for good,
And sound waves clean the top
now
Of cloth and steel and wood.

To housewives it's a tonic,
A cause to shout and cheer,
And, since it's ultrasonic,
There's nothing they can hear.

But what about poor Rover,
Whose ears pick up the sound?
Until the cleaning's over
He'd best not be around,

Or there will be such wailing,
Such doleful yelps of doom,
That housewives will be hailing
The good old mop and broom!

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"Well, my friend," beamed the psychiatrist, "I think we've got your kleptomania under control now."

The woman smiled gratefully and got up to leave.
"However," said the doctor, "if you do have a relapse, pick up a little transistor radio for me, will you?" — E E KENYON, *American Wkly.*

As the evening wore on, so did the egotistical intellectual. He recited in boresome detail his achievements in literature, oratory, science. "And now," he concluded at long last, "I am wondering what field of endeavor I should next turn to."

"Well," suggested a bored listener, "you might try head-shrinking." — KEN SHIVELY.

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Prisoner to fellow inmate: "I was making big money—about a quarter of an inch too big." — *Great Northern Goat*, hm, Great Northern Ry.

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"Dear Pa: If you want me to come back to the farm when Uncle Sam says he don't need me any more—here's what you'd better do: Buy 2 of the meanest mules you can find. Name one of them 'Corporal' and the other 'Sergeant.' I'll be glad to spend the rest of my days telling them exactly what I think of them. John." — *SoCaSan Piper.*

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Getting settled on the Cape for the summer, a young mother we've been told about repl'd, "Of course," when her 5-yr-old daughter asked, "Can houseflies hear?" Going right on getting settled, she was peering in at the lower shelf of the refrigerator a few moments later, which brought her head on a level with her daughter's, when she felt a soft breath on her ear and heard a whisper that said, "Where is the fly swatter?" — *New Yorker.*

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Quo-otter

Rev EDW J KELLER, Univ of Notre Dame, discussing so-called Right to-Work laws in Nation's Business: "Without a right *not* to join, there can be no such thing as a right to join." 1-Q-t

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Dr SARA JORDAN, leading ulcer specialist: "Quit being a 'heller' and be a 'what-the-heller.' The philosophical attitude will be good for your ulcer, your heart, and the rest of you." 2-Q-t

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There being any number of things we'd rather do than house-work, we're in favor of most gadgets to simplify it. But we're beginning to think the trend should be reversed; 2 new developments are rather distressing. For one, Gen'l Electric researchers predict that within 10 yrs, automatic dishwashers will be replaced by a machine that molds disposable plates. We assumed this was designed for quick-lunch counters or other commercial uses. But no—it specifies "could be operated by the house-wife." Oh, well, it's a free country—and they can't keep us old fuddy duddies from using our nice table-

ware if we want to!

The other one bothers us considerably more: Nat'l Research & Development Corp'n has packed a ready-to-eat meal in a tube. Uncap the tube, squeeze the contents into your mouth, and you have consumed the body's daily requirements, nutritionally speaking. We naively supposed this was for survival kits. Wrong again. This modern wonder (in such varied flavors as baloney, Worcestershire, or black walnut) is for those "who have to eat on the run." And our reaction to that is that if you're in that big a hurry, you'd better slow down before you have a heart attack.

